

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph before the paragraph at page 1, line 1:

--Cross Reference to Related Application

This application is related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/419,508, filed on October 17, 2002 for a STENT WITH COVERING AND DIFFERENTIAL DILATION, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice.